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Students Hear Many Fine Speakers

An education at Bryan University does not mean merely the collection of information from science, mathematics, or language textbooks; nor is the Bible study limited to the three hours of study each week under the able teaching of our beloved Dr. Currens. On frequent occasions during the year special speakers have been engaged from various places to address the student body and faculty.

At the beginning of each year it has been the custom of the University to have a Bible Conference for the especial benefit of the new students who are many times led to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through these messages. Rev. Frank Torrey, of Lancaster, Pa., was the main Conference speaker last October with Rev. Henry Murdoch, of Belpre, Ohio, also speaking and leading the singing for several services. At the same Conference, Rev. H. E. Wright, of Rome, Ga., and Rev. Henry C. Geiger, of Livingston, Tenn., brought one or two messages. As reported in a recent *Newsette*, another series of chart messages was given in January of this year by Rev. E. V. Howell and Rev. D. E. Eastep.

During the year representatives of several missions have spoken concerning their field of service. Representing China came Rev. Henry Van Dyke, who told something of China's conditions; whereas Mr. McCrone, a visitor in Japan from Philadelphia, told of missionary activity in Japan. Representing home missionary work were Rev. J. Lloyd Hunter, founder of the Rural Bible Crusade, and Rev. Stanley Morgan, director of the Christian Mission to Churchless Communities.

In February we were favored with the challenging testimony of Rev. Peter Deyneka, a Russian evangelist, accompanied by his daughter, Ruth, and Mr. Kovitch, who expects to go shortly to Alaska as its first Russian missionary. For his text Rev. Deyneka used II Tim. 2:3 and Rev.

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BRYAN SERVICE IN ST. ELMO

On February 12 a group of students and teachers had the privilege of holding a service in Chattanooga at the St. Elmo Baptist Church, of which Brother T. W. Callaway is pastor. Special music included "Saviour, While My Heart Is Tender," by the University Ladies' Quartet, composed of Mabel Arnold, Ruth Toliver, Margaret Lowe, and Rebecca Peck; a duet, "Jesus, Wonderful Lord," sung by Ty Pray and Edward Paul, and a solo, "The Ninety-First Psalm," sung by Alvin Hall.

Brother A. J. Levensgood, teacher of Greek at the University, gave a powerful message on "Things That Cannot Be Shaken," using Heb. 12: 25-29 as his text. Outstanding in his remarks were these statements:

"There is perhaps no other word in the English language which quite as fully and emphatically expresses the world's present condition as the word 'shaken.' There has never been a period in human history in which there has been condensed so much of the dynamic element to shake this world as in the last twenty years. We have witnessed the worst in history of four predicted scourges—the worst war, the worst earthquakes, the worst famines, the worst pestilences. Everything has been shaken—politically, economically, commercially, financially shaken. Yet, praise God, there are some things which cannot be shaken. (1) The throne of God at the center of this universe cannot be shaken (Ps. 45:6). We have seen other thrones topple, tremble, tumble, and fall. But the throne of God is forever. (2) The Bible cannot be shaken (Ps. 119:89). All other books may go, literature may disappear, history may be forgotten, but the Word of God remains. (3) The church of Jesus Christ cannot be shaken (Mt. 16:18). 'The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' Whatever the Lord may have meant by that expression He meant undoubtedly the extreme of all language to express the fact that there was nothing

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William Jennings Bryan

Famous words were those of Ben Jonson as he dipped his quill into the ink pot and scribbled of his friend, Will Shakespeare, "Not of an age, but for all time." Words which have lived down through the centuries and which have helped to glorify the one of whom they speak. But, in the end—only words.

Famous deeds were those of the heroic Alfred the Great as he defended Wessex against the oncoming Danes, facing sure defeat, but turning it into victory. Deeds which the histories relate in glowing and not undeserved terms. But, in the end—only deeds.

Few of the great today live outside the time-worn covers of books. Few there are who have carved their names into the walls of the temples of honor. Fewer yet those whose names are listed in the hearts of men. Yet some—that very small some—have planted their names, not alone between the time-worn covers, not alone upon the temple walls or in the hearts of men, but in the hearts of nations, the very heart of the world. Such a man was the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan.

Statesman, a mighty wielder of the pen, whose advice, if taken, might well have bettered the course of American history.

Economist, a dealer in figures and metals, whose foresight might have prevented many a heartache and pain.

Orator, he of the silver tongue, whose flights into the realms of oratory have seldom been equaled.

Friend, whose heart beat in tune with those of the poor, whose mind was not too great, whose position not too high, but that he could be *the Commoner*.

Christian—above all, the Christian—Defender of the Faith, who having put on the Gospel armor was neither ashamed nor afraid to go where the battle was thickest, whose shield of faith turned aside the blows of the enemy and left him, even in death, the Conqueror. This was William Jennings Bryan.

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— God Above All —

EDITORIAL

Following the famous Scopes evolution trial in Dayton in 1925, during which William Jennings Bryan so valiantly defended the Faith, it was thought a fitting memorial to establish a college to train young people in a Christian institution. True, some thought it a useless endeavor, since there are already many colleges, but others realized the value of a Christian University in this day when young people are being deceived in many modern colleges.

When the plans were first begun, the prospects were quite encouraging, but along with other business enterprises, the building program was hindered by the "depression." To many people looking only at the outward appearance, it seemed utterly impossible and useless to attempt to give college training with such inadequate equipment. But not so to those who were trusting in the Lord to carry out this program.

During the past eight and one-half years many hardships and discouragements have been endured, but in the light of God's present blessings even those who have been most severely tested will join in praising the Lord for the faithfulness of all who have contributed, under the direction of the Lord, to the apparent success of the University.

With this edition of NEWSETTE we are again honoring the birthday of William Jennings Bryan, in whose memory this message comes to you. In reviewing the events of the past year, there is remarkable progress to be seen in the University. Had we been told a year ago that all the dormitory accommodations would be located on Bryan Hill by January of this year, we might have questioned the possibility of such a reality. How-

FRESHMAN IMPRESSIONS

Grace Levengood

Arriving in Dayton in time for the 1938 commencement activities, I was thrilled immediately by the wonderful spirit that pervaded the Bryan family. Happiness and peace seemed to radiate from within each individual. But when the students left for the summer, they seemed to take all the life and sunshine with them. The statue-like stillness of the huge foundation, only half enclosed underneath and with nothing on top but the steel reinforcing rods, standing out like miniature guards at posts of duty, made me shudder and shrink inwardly.

New life burst forth in a few weeks. There were the shouts of the workers, the buzzing of the saw, the pounding of the hammers, the whirring of the concrete mixer. Forms for pillars were erected on the south end of the building, concrete was poured, the beams, joists, and roofing were put in place. Tile walls started to rise.

September . . . registration of students, unfinished dormitories, confusion. But everyone was friendly and congenial. They took us freshmen right into their ranks without even bothering about an initiation. Then the first chapel service and classes opened with prayer, so different from other schools . . . the Bible Conference, rich in spiritual blessings, hikes, get-togethers.

Although freshmen perplexities and trials seemed to mar the picture at first, in retrospect they blended into the background and the whole has become the best year in my life.

ever, when faced with the necessity of added dormitory space, we committed the problem to the Lord, and to Him we give the praise for supplying the need.

With such a testimony of God's power as manifested through Bryan University, surely no one can say the Lord does not have respect to the prayers made to Him that the message of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ be carried to the ends of the earth.

To the many faithful prayer and financial supporters we express our deepest appreciation, trusting that the Lord will give rewards which only eternity can measure. R. P.

DISCIPLES OF GUTENBERG

(This issue of NEWSETTE ends the first year of operation of the Bryan University Print Shop, the birthday issue of the 1938 NEWSETTE being the first printing done by the shop.)

When classes began in September, Howard Kee and Charles Shirley, self-help students, were assigned as assistants to Mr. Llewellyn, Shop Director. Recently Dean Geary was added to the regular force of printers to keep things moving a bit more briskly. At present the largest job of the year is under way, the publication of the new forty-page catalogue. The printing and binding of three thousand of these volumes has necessitated the addition of Daniel Hirschy as a temporary worker.

Of interest to our readers should be the report that in its thirteen months of existence the shop has produced eleven issues of NEWSETTE, approximately 40,000 copies, to say nothing of over 25,000 tracts and 65,000 other pieces of printed matter.

—C. S.

"PIED PIPER" GIVEN BY CHORAL SPEAKING CLASS

Having devoted some time to experimental work in choral speaking, the Sophomore poetry class recently shared their enjoyment of it with the faculty and student body, providing a program in the chapel period on February 11.

The class, under the direction of the instructor, Mr. Lynip, presented the program after having made an intensive study of the effects which unison speaking could produce in poetry. Many people feel that there are more subtle shades of tones and rhythms in poetry than there are in music.

Most poems lend themselves to arrangements similar to those found in choir music. Duets, quartettes, and sectional ensemble work are most pleasing against the background furnished by the entire group.

In this recital, "Desolate and Lone" and "Southern Pacific," both by Carl Sandburg, were of a serious nature. The dramatic "Pied Piper" of Browning, called a "Child's Poem," rounded off the program.

This innovation of choral speaking was well received, and outside engagements for the group are being made.

VOICES FROM THE PAST

Alumni Notes

Logan Rector, '34: "Married and have a thirty-one-months-old boy; wholesale manager for Standard Oil Co. . . . president Adult Baptist Training Union, Pikeville Baptist Church . . . taking degree of LL.B. from La Salle Extension Univ., half finished."

Lloyd Fish, '35: "Mr. and Mrs. (Mary Lois Hodges) Fish serving Him at Bryan Univ., Lloyd as teacher, Mary L., Secty. to President . . . separated this year while I [Lloyd writing] do graduate study at Wheaton, a testing time in which we need and covet prayer . . . rejoice at opportunity to have a part in His plan at Bryan." Note: Lloyd expects to get his M. A. degree at Wheaton in August.

Agnes Copeland de Rosset, '36: "Lord has been gracious to John and me . . . plan return to Bible school in Fall . . . possibility of going soon to Africa . . . earnestly desire prayers of Bryan friends that Lord will show His will in choice between further education and immediate service . . . John preaching in S. Plainfield Baptist Church from time to time . . . address 605 E. Front St., Plainfield, N. J. . . . correspondence will receive prompt (?) response."

Bill Wonderly, '36: "Hope all alumni aren't as negligent as I in writing friends at Dayton [Ed. Note: they are] . . . a joy to hear of Lord's blessing on you all, of Bryan's being on own hill, two alumni in China . . . still 'six-year freshman' in graduate school, C. B. C. . . . expecting M. A., Biblical Educ., last of May . . . believe Lord leading to foreign fields."

Helen Penick Johnson, '37: "Occupations—too numerous to mention; position—3rd floor up; interests—husband and son; advance education—plenty in experiences never to be found in books; degrees—Mrs. and MA . . . 'bundle from heaven' came Oct. 9, 1938 . . . Donald Ray already big fellow, eighteen pounds—another prospective student for Bryan . . . takes after his mother and may enter in two or three years . . . I'll ever be thankful for my year at Bryan, proved to me there is a place where one can receive an education without spurning God."

Edgerton Reid, '37: "To answer every man wisely and briefly, briefly and wisely, wisely, I say—I am a bachelor . . . the Lord has been gracious to me, given me three Bible classes in different churches and opportunities for speaking . . . three Jews openly confessed Christ, one Catholic . . . taking course in Hebrew . . . doing own cooking."

Juanita Pendergrass, '37: "Worked for University and did missionary work in mountains . . . Summer of '38 represented Bryan in the North . . . interesting work which made me realize my strength comes from the Lord . . . am teaching in adult school which gives good opportunity to witness about the Lord . . . Bryan means everything to me, for it was here I realized I was lost and needed a Saviour."

Elizabeth Moore, '38: "Learning stenography under fine teaching of Mrs. Coutts at Bryan. Part-time housekeeper for the 'Moore's'. Hope to be my own housekeeper soon! [Note: Further information may be obtained from ye editor.]

Bill Daugherty, '38: "Planning to complete seminary work in two years at Asbury Seminary . . . I love our precious Saviour more every day. He is a wonderful Saviour to me . . . trust God is blessing you mightily and do pray for Bryan."

Jess Lasley, '38: "I shall never regret coming to Bryan—meant everything to me . . . still teaching in adult school at Soddy and find much can be done . . . taught two illiterates to read and write; you should see the satisfaction these old people get out of school work . . . Dr. Currens' Bible notes surely do come in handy—use them more here than at Bryan . . . taking courses from U. T. and finding their grading system easier than at Bryan."

Lewis Llewellyn, '38: "Was pronounced a bachelor last Commencement Day . . . forsook bachelorhood in September, bringing my bride back to Bryan . . . she was Sara Idleman . . . three or four students and I keep busy in the printing shop here . . . what you are now reading is approximately our quarter-millionth printing impression."

Faith or Works?

William Kerr, '39

"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." Hebrews 11:4.

The question has often been asked, "Why did God honor Abel's offering and reject Cain's?" The distinction in the sacrifices, not in the natural characteristics of the worshipers, gives the answer. Both were born outside of Paradise; both were partakers of Adam's ruined, fallen nature; both needed a propitiatory atonement.

Let us look at the nature of their sacrifices. Abel—justified by faith—offered of the firstlings of his flock. He came to God the blood way. Cain—perverted by ritualism—offered the fruit of a sin-cursed earth. He approached God the "bloodless way."

God can be propitiated only through the blood. "The LIFE of the flesh is in the blood," Lev. 17:11, and "without the shedding of blood there is no remission," Heb. 9:22. God in divine love revealed the blood way to Adam, Gen. 3:21. Abel, by faith, understood this great truth and was received; Cain, in self-righteousness, ignored it and was rejected. Christ is God's "lamb slain from the foundation of the world." He is the One to whom Abel, in faith, looked forward as the perfecter of his sacrifice. He is the One whom Cain, in spiritual ignorance, failed to see as his substitute.

Many today are walking in the "way of Cain." They are pushing aside God's plan and substituting the result of the toil of their own hands. They are trusting in man's work and not in God's remedy—the blood of Jesus Christ. Jude 11 says, "Woe unto them; for they have gone in the way of Cain." God's word declares them guilty: "They are without Christ, having no hope, and without God in the world!" Eph. 2:12.

Sinner, leave the way of the world, and trust in "Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

"See that you refuse not Him that speaketh," Heb. 12:24, 25, for "he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him," Heb. 7:25.

STUDENTS FROM SIXTEEN STATES

The student body of sixty-one members now enrolled is composed of representatives from sixteen states, the most distant of which is Colorado, having this year for the first time some of its citizens at Bryan University. Despite their long trip and separation from home, these Coloradians feel their sojourn here to be very profitable, for one stated, "It has been worth while to be here just for the increased knowledge we have gained of the Bible."

Looking forward to receiving degrees in June are nine seniors, comprising the largest graduating class in the brief history of the school. There are fourteen juniors enrolled, to be followed by thirteen sophomores. These with the freshman class of twenty-five members give promises of a profitable conclusion to a thus far unusually successful year.

MOVING PICTURE EQUIPMENT

✓ When a substantial gift was received last year, definite direction was sought from the Lord regarding the use of part of that money for the purchasing of moving picture equipment. Accordingly, the equipment, including film projector, sound attachment, microphone, and moving picture camera, was purchased to make possible a more accurate portrayal of life at Bryan.)

During the past summer this equipment was especially valuable in supplementing the message of the gospel singers as they traveled in several northeastern states.

As an instrument of education, the projector has been used to show films on the Red Cross work, automobile industry, fishing, safety measures, and other instructive and entertaining subjects. The valuable work of the Red Cross was well illustrated in the aid which they gave to the flood sufferers after the devastating flood in January, 1937.

In a more recent picture the process of bookbinding was reviewed in an interesting study, including the making of the covers from old papers, the printing of the book and its cover and the final binding and pressing of the book then ready for sale.

WHAT WONDERS GOD HATH WROUGHT

Reading through this Birthday edition of News-ette, the reader will find ample cause for rejoicing and praise, for, indeed, the Lord has done marvelous things, has wrought wonders here on Bryan Hill. Since June 1 of 1938 approximately \$9,600 have been spent on building and equipment. You as a friend of the University will be interested in knowing what this sum represents in accomplishments, in the continued sacrifice of giving friends, and in unpaid obligations. The Bryan Birthday Party letter which you will soon receive will give you all this information and more interesting facts about Bryan. Watch for it, read it as soon as it comes, and then—as you praise and thank Him for his goodness—seek His will concerning the University.

The subscribers have made sacrifice upon sacrifice to support the school and to keep its testimony alive and active. The students have also undergone sacrifice, have studied and lived under exceedingly inconvenient conditions. Likewise, the faculty have gone without salaries, assigning a portion of their own income to the building fund and being ever willing to make another sacrifice that He might have the glory.

Let us not, having put our hand to the plow, look back. Let us press on, matching sacrifice with sacrifice, service with service, until God has used us to build up in Dayton a fitting memorial to Mr. Bryan, an institution fully equipped for the giving of Christian education to worthy young men and women. Watch for the letter! Read the letter! Pray before you answer!

Elmer R. Walton

Preacher, traveler, door-knocker, provider—these, yes, all these, crowded into one genial, faithful personage, constitute Elmer R. Walton, for the past ten years field representative of the University. This Trojan travels on an average of 15,000 miles each year and now says, "I must move faster from now on." Since September, 1927, he has covered approximately 165,000 miles in his endeavor to bring the work of the University before potential prayer and financial supporters. During that same period, the estimate continues, he has met and talked with not less than 30,000 people, most of whom have received him graciously. What is even more remarkable, he has in ten years taken not more than three days each year for vacation and has missed only three weeks because of sickness.

The thoughts of such a worker about the University and its future could hardly fail to be of interest to our subscribers and friends. We therefore quote:

"It seems to me we have come to a time when we can look forward with confidence. Graduates are making good as they take their places in the world; other former students are, as they continue study in different institutions, giving proof that their training at Bryan has been thorough. The faculty are loyal and have shown they are not only specialists but talented in many lines. A loyal group of several hundred friends is supporting the University with their prayers and gifts, larger gifts showing their confidence in the work. We are helping to prove that the study and teaching of the Bible are part of a well-rounded education. We should go forward with confidence."

MOTHER MAC WELL

Rejoicing and thanksgiving reign on Bryan Hill these days, for the Lord has seen fit to restore to health our own "Mother Mac" (Mrs. McMurry, hostess at the Octagon Dormitory). Mother Mac was critically ill for several days, so ill it seemed nothing but the Lord Himself could restore her to the fellowship, and many were the prayers of students, faculty, and friends that He might give her strength and a continued service to Him in the University.

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GOSPEL WORKERS ACTIVE

Although the primary purpose of Bryan University is that of educating young people in secular training with a Christian background, yet a major part of student activities includes missionary service to nearby communities. More than half of the students participate at least once a week in giving a gospel message in song, sermon, teaching, or personal testimony.

Each week student groups with faculty members travel to about twenty communities for Sunday school and preaching services. In a few of the closer communities, young people's meetings and prayer meetings are held during the week. Another effective field of service has been opened in some of the school districts to witness to the school children about the Saviour.

The Saturday afternoon street service affords an opportunity to reach many who might not otherwise hear the gospel. A group of singers and speakers have been proclaiming the blessed message to those locked behind prison bars in the local jail. Here again are hearts hungry to know about the One who can lift from the pit of sin into a life of victory.

Still other means of presenting the gospel are used, such as cottage prayer meetings, personal visitations, and the distribution of gospels, tracts, and other Christian literature.

It has been carefully estimated that in the two months of November and December 3,000 people were reached with the gospel message by traveling about 14,000 miles. Will you join us in prayer that this testimony may be used of the Lord to win souls and that the money to carry on the work may be provided?

STUDENTS SPEAK

"Crucified with Christ" was the heart-searching theme of our chapel service on February 6, with James Doud as leader. Following the singing of an opening hymn by the whole student body, we were favored with a vocal duet, "Nailed to the Cross", by Leona Wilson and Dorothy White, who played the guitar accompaniment. The Scripture lesson from Mark 8:34-38 was read by William Kerr. The climax of the half hour came when Warren Oliff challenged us to be Christ-centered instead of self-centered; his was a very inspiring message indeed. —C. P.

Why?

Why I am glad to help build a University as a memorial to William Jennings Bryan, as expressed by one whose faithful service has meant much to the progress of the University:

1. It is a fitting tribute to Mr. Bryan, whose life and death were a manifestation of an indwelling Christ, whose services to his Lord must surely have earned — "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

2. The University is one of the few in the world which stand without fear or compromise for the whole, unchanged, unfailing Word of God and which endeavor to place God above all.

3. The students and staff members are actively engaged in spreading the Gospel and in carrying the life-giving Word into communities where it is sorely needed.

4. It offers a sound and thorough education under consecrated Christian teachers and in an atmosphere conducive to spiritual growth and study.

5. Bryan University is interested, not in turning out a large number of graduates, but in developing in those graduates character, Christian principles, and ability.

6. There is dire need of institutions which do not offer harmful, faith-destroying education, which do offer both intellectual and spiritual training, seeking the salvation of the student and his growth in Grace.

PROGRESS

Unlikely as it may seem, the fact remains that *Newsette*, which started out as a very poorly mimeographed sheet on July 27, 1935, has grown—not in mincing steps, such as one would suppose became the demureness of our little lady—but in tremendous leaps and bounds. More than that, the circulation of less than fifty copies, sent to not nearly as many cities and some eight or nine states, is now almost to the 4,000 mark, reaching 946 cities in 43 states, District of Columbia, Canada, England, Cuba—even stepping into China.

As we look into the future we see the round figure of 10,000 copies in perhaps 2,000 cities, all the states, and other foreign countries. May the Lord continue to bless the ministry of this humble messenger.

MISSIONARY MOTHER SPEAKS

Of decided interest and blessing was the message brought in a recent chapel program, when Mrs. C. E. Toliver—mother of our own Ralph, who is serving the Lord in China—read tid-bits from letters received from Ralph. Her personal comments, her sympathetic reading, and her Christian character served to bring her listeners very close to the writer as she gave graphic descriptions of the work in China, of the blessings bestowed by the Lord on His servant, and of his earnest desire to take the Gospel to the lost in that needy field.

FORENSIC ACTIVITIES

The first activity of the Forensic Union outside its regular bi-weekly meetings was a debate in chapel on Saturday morning, February 4: "Resolved, That Instalment Buying Is Detrimental to Society." Upholding the affirmative were Connie Penick and Harold Fuss; the victorious negative speakers were Ty Pray and Margaret Lowe.

At a recent meeting of the Union the following officers were elected to serve for the remainder of the school year: President, Harold Fuss; debate manager, Dean Geary; secretary-treasurer, Charles Shirley; poster chairman, Mark Levengood; corresponding secretaries, Connie Penick and Mildred Kuntz; sergeants-at-arms, Joe Schellhorn and Jack Smith; and critics, Connie Penick and Hendren Llewellyn. —C. P.

WHAT BRYAN OFFERS TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

Inquiries from many individuals continue to ask the question: "Is Bryan University a Bible School? Do you have a ministerial department? What courses of study are offered?" So it is that we devote a portion of this memorial edition of *Newsette* to a brief study of just what the University does offer.

First and foremost, that which we have to offer is almost unique in that it is offered by Christian teachers primarily interested in true education—that which is based on an understanding of the Word and the fear of the Lord. Remove this character from the teaching of the University, and you have merely another college with little, if any, excuse for existence in a country already over-crowded with "just colleges". But leave the spiritual teaching and the emphasis on the Word of God in, and you have that which is lacking, indeed, in the vast majority of America's institutions of higher learning.

No, the University is not a Bible School: it is a college in which the Bible is given its proper place—first place. It is a school to which the young man or woman who is or is not interested in Christian service as a profession can go for education, knowing that if he has a faith in the Lord that faith will be both honored and strengthened. If he has not that saving faith, he will be taught the things of God and shown the way of salvation. And at the same time he will be receiving training in standard college and commercial courses which will equip him for the tasks to come.

Though it is not a theological seminary, a large number of the students in the University are ministerial students. We believe the ministers of today, as never before, need an education which will enable them to meet the modernist on his own grounds, to cope with him both on the grounds of science and from the Word.

The students who desire to dig deeper into the Word in its original form will find the courses in New Testament Greek a source of information and blessing, a study of which is almost essential to the one who would preach the Gospel in all its power and assurance from a first-hand study. And might we not add, while discussing needs and aims of

preachers, that the study of mathematics has proved of major value in the preparation of sermons and the development of logical speaking?

But possibly one's inclinations run to the more modern languages, French or Spanish. If so—we have them, taught by a competent instructor.

Music? Piano, voice, ensemble singing, conducting, and so on, furnish an attractive display of courses for one who desires training in the flats and sharps. The University Choir and the Gospel Singers provide outlets of real blessing for musical talent. And another fine arts course—art, itself. A visit to the art department in the University would convince one of the artistic temperament and talent of several students, as well as of the possibilities for the novice to increase his several abilities with the brush, charcoal, or pencil.

Not science "falsely so-called" but science in the light of the Word is offered to students of a scientific trend of thought. Why do two gases make water? Why is it impossible that man descended from the ape or related species? Ask the science department, for science substantiates the Word when one seeks fact rather than theory. Or again, if you are curious as to what makes frogs go—well, if you're not of too squeamish a nature, you can learn in zoology class.

But unless we, like the brook, "go on forever", we cannot tell of all the courses. Suffice it to say that shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, psychology, history, English, and others are here for the seeking mind, as well as courses in public speaking and debate.

In concluding, let us reiterate: Bryan University is not a Bible School—it is a college which loves, believes, and therefore teaches the Word of God; it is a college in which one can get Christian training and serve the Lord while doing so. It is, we believe, truly a work of the Lord, in the Lord, and for the Lord.

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2:10, relating incidents of the hardships and testing suffered by the Russian Christians, surely a challenge to us Christians who are permitted such freedom as America offers.

With these many instructive and inspiring messages, Bryan youth are able to enjoy a fuller knowledge of the Bible and are encouraged to higher standards of Christian living.



On the Campus

Those who went to Bob Jones College to attend the Vesper Service on Sunday, February 5, were Mrs. Lloyd Fish, Dorothy White, Mabel Arnold, Ben White, James Doud, and Dean Ryther. On their return they attended Sunday evening services at the Ridgedale Baptist Church and heard another good gospel message from David Livingstone, the pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynip, Mabel Arnold, Ruth Dawson, Harriet White, and Howard Kee drove to Chattanooga on the 14th to see a performance of Shakespeare's immortal *Julius Caesar*.

Rumor is that the *Commoner* is going to be a dandy this year. Our reporter was unable to break through the clouds of secrecy enfolding its treasures.

Recent visitors on Bryan Hill were Dr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Keith, of Inez, Ky.

Sadie says: "They's only two reasons why folks talk about a body: one's because they loves him; t'other's cause they loves themse'vs."

Miss Ella Mae Crosby was on the hill the other day. Ella Mae attended Bryan, later graduated from U. T., and is now teaching Home Ec. in the North Carolina mountains.

Howard Kee saw the point, stepped on it, and then had to take shots, somewhat to his dismay. Moral: don't leave nails turned up; bend them over.

Rumor has it that former student Charles Burdette is coming to an early chapel period to tell of his mission work on Signal Mountain. It will be good to hear the "boy from Georgia" once again.

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NEWS FROM CHINA

Again from the land of cherry blossoms, rugged, bare, brown mountains, and yellow waters, we have news from two graduates of the University, Ralph Toliver and Rebecca Haeger, who have gone out to serve their Lord in China. From Ralph:

"... first Christmas away from home... have been thinking about everything there... very much impressed by the similarity this country must bear towards Palestine, especially when there is snow to bring out some of the detail and cover the more ragged places. The rugged, rocky hills coming up from the sea, the long, low, tile-covered houses, the narrow streets lined by stone walls, the caravans of heavily-laden donkeys, some with tassels and bells, the men in long gowns—all must be rather like those in Palestine. Went to the Chinese Baptist Church here... Mr. Glazier, of the C. I. M., was the speaker, and the young people put on a nice program of Scripture recitation, songs, choruses, even the 'Hallelujah Chorus' in Chinese!... Enclosed is a card announcing a special series of meetings at the schools here under the direction of the Children's Special Service Mission... Emerson and I will probably speak at the services... pray for the children here, a fine lot, being principally children of C. I. M. workers, but they need the Lord Jesus in their lives as much as any boys and girls... The word 'sanitation' isn't in their vocabulary... went up the Wei-Hai-Wei Road to the Ninghai Gate, expecting to pass through and go on to the villages about a half mile beyond the gate and on to what is known as the 'Baby Tower,' because in olden times Chinese parents would climb to the top of the tower and throw their wee babes down into the inside from the top. But at the gate we were stopped by a Manchurian policeman and not allowed to go any further. The conversation was something like this: 'Yu shih mu yu?' ('Is there any trouble?'—This from one of us.) 'Mu yu.' ('No trouble,' was the answer.)... being repulsed didn't make any particular difference to us—we merely turned down a road that angled off from the one which we had come up, planning to take a circuitous route home inside the city wall. We hadn't gone more than a hundred yards when 'Bup,' a rifle cracked up at the sand-bag pill-box that sits

like a hat on Adam's Knob. Then, quickly, 'Bup, bup, bup...' As we looked up to the knob, about three hundred yards up the hill from us, we could see men rise from behind sand bags, shoot, then duck again. It suddenly dawned on us that we were seeing our first taste of actual warfare—and it all seemed so matter of fact!... About that time, to our right, up the hill along the old wall on the other side of the gate from Adam's Knob, rifle fire broke out. Then we saw men with machine guns dash to position and start laying their 'dum, dum, dum' of death down the hillside. We could hear the high-pitched orders of the officers and see the wig-wag signals as messengers were sent from one part to the other. At any time we expected to see a man throw up his arms and tumble backwards down the hill. After much firing, we saw the men to our right leave their position and go towards the gate. We expected to see the guerillas dash up over the hill in pursuit. But at the gate a funny thing happened. A squad of men dashed up the hillside towards the pill-box on Adam's Knob, crouched behind some stones, and opened fire on it! This was peculiar. Had the guerillas captured the sand bags there? We knew from having been up there several times that the lookout was meagerly defended. Then, with a sense of disappointment, we came to the realization that it was a sham battle and that they had been firing only blanks! Chilled by the biting wind in which we had been standing on the hillside road, we made our way back towards the San.

"Please pray much about my designation to a mission station in March or early April."

From Rebecca: "The Lord in His marvelous goodness has at last brought us to our destination—how I wish you could see it. It is surely one of His *many* exceeding abundantly's. Tsingtao happens to be one of the loveliest cities in China... famous summer resort city by the sea... We are six miles from town, but are in a choice location—only two blocks from the sea, with a clear view of the whole waterfront from our home... Although everything is not nearly as strange as I dreamed it would be, yet something happens to one spiritually. It seems that because of the greater freedom of the forces

NEW CATALOGUE

For the past four years financial conditions have made it necessary that a small catalogue-bulletin be published in place of the complete catalogue. Because we now print the catalogue ourselves, using student labor to a great extent, we are again issuing the full catalogue and believe that prospective students and friends will find the material therein of benefit and interest. No doubt you know of some young man or woman interested in a Christian education. Why not write for a copy today? It will be promptly and gladly mailed to you.

JUNIOR CLASS PROGRAM

In a unique program, broadcast a fabulous distance—from the dining hall to the chapel—Stephen Foster came to life in the Junior Class program for this month. Illustrated by songs from his own pen, "little Steben's" history was given in real darkey dialect from the cradle to the grave. "My Old Kentucky Home" was rendered by a quartet composed of Constance Penick, Ruth Toliver, Ralph Penick, and Edward Paul. Alvin Hall sang "Beautiful Dreamer". As Connie Penick sang "Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair", "Steben" was seen winning his fair lady. Lillian Hummel sang about "The Old Folks at Home". Imagination painted the picture of sleepy "Steben" by his fire-side with his faithful dog as Mr. Paul sang "Old Dog Tray". Originality was the keynote of the success of this interesting program.

of evil which seem to surround one, every word of God is just drunk up. So many of the passages which are most precious at home take on such a real reality here, such as I never dreamed of... No one will ever know how much my four years at Bryan meant to me and will mean to me in the years to come... Everyone there seems more dear and precious to me now than ever as I think how they have been used of the Lord in my life and have enriched my life... had a delightful two days stop at Hong Kong. He has so graciously gone before us, preparing the way in a wonderful manner... came into Shanghai by night, so missed the gory sights along the way... language study has been a bit of a problem to me, but He has wonderfully undertaken for me, and my utter confidence is in Him—for He hath promised."

THE BIBLE AT BRYAN

It has ever been, and it shall continue to be, the effort of the Bible department of Bryan University to uphold the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation.

We believe and teach the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch; the creation of man from the dust of the ground by the power of God; the temptation and fall of man; redemption through the death of a substitutionary offering; the miraculous element in the story of creation, of the flood, of the destruction of Lot's wife, of the story of Jonah, of the three Hebrews, of Daniel, and every other supernatural event mentioned in the Sacred Record.

Respecting the prophetic portions of the Holy Scriptures, we believe and teach that every distinct and individual prophetic utterance cannot fail of complete, exact, literal fulfilment. Prophecy is not spiritually, but literally fulfilled. Two lines of prophecy concerning the coming of Messiah are carefully distinguished. He was to be born in a none-too-prominent village, of an unknown mother, with his cradle a feeding place for cattle. He was to live and die an unassuming, humble man, numbered with transgressors and buried in a rich man's tomb. It is alone through His death, burial, and resurrection that men may be saved.

Another altogether different order of prophecies tells of His coming in glory, attended by hosts of angels, to establish His kingdom upon the earth when and where He shall reign in power and majesty until all things are brought under subjection to His sovereign authority.

Our effort in Bryan University is to bring our students to know Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, and to equip them with an experimental knowledge of the Word, that they may live consistent, victorious, Christian lives.

It is required of every student that he maintain a creditable grade in this department, the same as in all others.

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on earth or in hell that could ever shake the foundation of His church.

"Let us cheer up! In the darkest hour of human history Christ is coming back again. When He comes, the world will have a King and a kingdom characterized by peace, justice, and truth." —R. T.

" Moments Musical "

For the past six or seven years the University has been unable to satisfy requests for training in voice and piano. During that time there have been offered under the teaching of Miss Julia Anna Yancey, head of the department, courses in sight singing, harmony, the history of music, and other related fields; the student has been able to develop his voice through participation in the ensemble singing.

The desire for individual training has at last been met through the addition of a new faculty member, Mrs. Lora Foster Lynp, assistant instructor in music, under whose competent direction individual piano and voice lessons are now given to nine students.

Beginning with simple vocal exercises and songs, the student as he progresses adds to his repertoire songs of the lighter classics and outstanding arias from well-known operas. Remembering the foundation upon which the school is established, and realizing the future need each student will probably have for gospel songs, messages from God's Word form a large part of the students' selections.

Both as a source of enjoyment and practice to the individual, and pleasure to the listeners, the music students are presented in recitals. Per-

haps it might be interesting to know some of the selections which were given in the recital last quarter. Lillian Hummel sang Handel's "O Rest in the Lord," and Edward Paul rendered "Song to the Evening Star," by Wagner. Howard Kee, an advanced piano student, played Beethoven's Sonata, Op. 2, No. 3. Mr. Kee is to give a piano recital in the spring. Alvin Hall sang "On Wings of Song," by Mendelssohn. Songs of a lighter strain were given by Ruth Toliver, who sang "Florian Song," by Godard, and Harold Fuss, whose informal rendition was Messenger's "Long Ago in Alcala."

Great interest is taken in the University Choir, which was organized by Mrs. Lynp last fall. Made up of approximately twenty-eight men and women, the choir does much of its work unaccompanied and expects to present a number of programs consisting entirely of sacred music from the age of Palestrina to compositions of modern writers.

It is the opinion of the conductor and members of the choir that by presenting sacred music through its greatest medium—the human voice—a deeper, more spiritual conception of the beauties of Christianity will be given, not only to the members themselves, but also to every listener. —M. A.

" Working My Way Through College "

Student labor means something in Bryan University! Beneficial to students in getting an education and in learning to do different types of work, and beneficial to the University in getting necessary work done, student labor does pay. In exchange for their education all dormitory students are working a part of their way through school, spending from one to four hours daily at some definite task. Mr. Llewellyn, manager of student labor this year, states that a scholarship fund started by the friends of the University would be a great help both to the school and to those worthy and needy students who must now spend the choice part of each day working.

Of the forty-four men students enrolled during the year forty have been used at some time or other in the construction of the administration build-

ing. At present six are employed regularly in construction and carpentry work; others are building furniture for their own rooms. Thirty-one students are busy in the dining hall and the kitchen, serving tables, cooking, washing dishes. In the library seven students are being used. Miss Yancey, librarian, states that the cataloguing of the University's 30,000 volumes is being done as rapidly as it is because of the efficient student labor in the library. Students do practically all of the stenographic and secretarial work in the office. Men students care for the chickens and cows. Five students are learning the art of printing. Others keep us happily comfortable at all times with their faithful janitoring and firing. When taken advantage of properly, self-help opportunities mean a good start at learning to live.